

### REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are of record pending in this application. Claims 8 and 11-19 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Solely to further prosecution of this application, Applicants elect the claims of Group I (Claims 1-10 and 20-23). Applicants further elect the blood component comprising platelets. Claim 10 was not included in any of the claim groupings as set forth by the Examiner in the Restriction Requirement. Applicants assume claim 10 is included in Group I as it is dependent upon independent claim 1. If this assumption is in error, please let Applicants know. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the claims of Group II and any non-elected species claims at a later time.

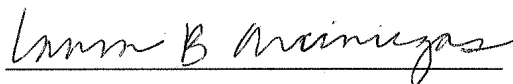
It is believed no fee is required for this filing. If this belief is in error, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account 032316.

If there are any questions, or if prosecution can be expedited in any manner by a telephone conference, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants representative at the below telephone number.

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Date

Respectfully submitted,



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